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Dear Professor Beadle:

Your letter of February 27 has been received.
Am glad to learn that you are contemplating some work on the
nutrition of Neurospora.

I have a few cultures of Neurospora sitophila
that have come to the laboratory from bread boxes in the Bronx,
otherwise I have no recently collected wild types. You could
get material from some one in the Agricultural Experiment Station
in P. R. Doctor Torro could probably send you material from
sugar-cane fields, or Dr. Stephen Brunner of Santiago de los
Vegas, Cuba, might obtain material from burned over sugar-cane
fields. Dr. Edgerton of the Agricultural Experiment Station at
Baton Rouge certainly must have cultures from sugar-cane bagasse.
When you get ready for business I could send you cultures from
our stock here, but they would not be what you call wild types.
Most of them I have carried for several years. I do not see
that there would be much difference if you could start from asco-
spores which have been dried for several years. You could pick
up cultures of Neurospora sitophila from bakeries or from kitchen
bread boxes if you let it be known that you are after a pink
mold. I find that people can bring in pink moldy bread if they
are reminded of it.

Please let me know if you want any of my
cultures.

Yours very sincerely,

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